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1. Approximately two mechanized corps participated in late September maneuvers in the Schwerin-Wittenberge-Salzwedel-Stendal area. The exercises were directed by a command staff from Schwerin which apparently transferred to Parchim afterwards. The problem called for an attack of mixed troops against a highly mobile foe, the latter being represented by armored troops who bore the insignia

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2. Special emphasis was placed on cover against air attack and on the use of AA. All simulated attacks were made by shock troops in rifle company strength with six to ten supporting tanks. Use of roads was completely disregarded and, in fact, some roads were ripped up by bulldozers to prevent their use. At the finish of the maneuvers in early October, the troops departed eastward, leaving only SMA and border control units at a forest camp 2.5 kilometers northeast of Salzwedel.

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Comment: the insignia shown above (Para 1) were used by the Soviet Fifth and Seventh Tank Divisions during the war.)

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3. All units left the Letzlinger Heide maneuver area by 20 September, leaving 2,300 men at the former rifle range at Hillersleben (Y51). This unit, led by a 1st Lieutenant, is in charge of maintenance, guard and ration supply for troops west and northwest of Magdeburg.

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Comment: the evacuation of Hillersleben on 21-22 September, adding that 2,000 men remained there on 29 September.)

4. Magdeburg-Stendal (Y60-85): Infantry, artillery and vehicle troops in this area are designated as Army Section-Kudryavzev Division. No armor was observed.

5. Stendal: On 11 October Stendal contained one armored brigade and one motorized unit of brigade strength.

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6. Borstel (Y75): The airport has been completely reconditioned and six hangars are being used. Three fighter units, comprising 1,200 men, are stationed here, as well as a signal corps school with 400 students. Extensive air training was observed; aircraft employed included U-2, ME-109 and FW-44 types.
7. Osterburg (Y77): Contains only a small komandatura of thirty men.
8. Perleberg (T70): Has two fighter units and one training school, with a total troop strength of 1,500. There are approximately 500 aircraft: Rata, ME-109, FW-44 and six FW-190.
- 25X1 9. Schwerin (T46): [redacted] numerous vehicles in Schwerin which he had seen in the Letzlinger Heide area five or six weeks earlier (precise date not given); [redacted] Vehicles [redacted] had been shipped from Haldensleben with shipping tickets indicating Frankfurt/Oder as their destination.
- 25X1 10. The commanding officer of Schwerin is General Tuchanov. His executive officer is Colonel Prilutzki. Troop strength amounts to an armored unit of regimental size and approximately a brigade of very young infantrymen.
11. Gorries (T46) and Hagenow (T24) airfields both have been demolished.
12. Wismar (T49): One rifle regiment and one armored battalion. Few naval troops were seen; infantrymen were on guard in the harbor area. The Reguador, a 5,000 ton vessel, was being loaded with food and dismantled machinery.
13. Rostock (O81)
 - a. Staffs appear to have greatly increased since July. Since that time, new arrivals have included a naval command from Swinemünde and MVD staffs from Güstrow and Greifswald. The Marine headquarters is being enlarged and renovated. A Komandatura captain stated that some Karlshorst administrative offices also were expected to arrive in Rostock and Schwerin.
 - b. Troop strength: one rifle regiment and an incomplete armored regiment.
14. Genkzin (203): One rifle battalion stationed in the Volksschule.
15. Frankfurt/Oder: So far as source could determine, no tactical troops are stationed here. The entire troop strength, including MVD and SMA units, is estimated at 1,200 men. The former barracks are used by three large station hospitals. [redacted] stated that at present (no date given), thirty trainloads of vehicles pass through the city daily towards the west. These are all Soviet manufactured trucks. With the exception of some trains with young officers, few troop transports to the west have been seen.
- 25X1 16. Cottbus (A57): The rifle division in Cottbus is said by one of its EM to have come from Langensalza. Also in Cottbus are a small armored unit, artillery in apparent brigade strength, and numerous Air Force personnel.
17. Leisswasser (A74) and Niesky (A92) are not occupied.
- 25X1 18. Görlitz (B00): Has only SMA and MVD troops to a total of eighty men. Border control is exercised by German police. No Soviet troops were seen along the demarcation line from Görlitz to Wehrkirch (A92).
- 25X1 19. Bautzen (A60): [redacted] "a number of staffs", some of them lately transferred "from the east", are now located in Bautzen. [redacted]

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20. Meissen (FC9): Two rifle regiments.
21. Lommatzsch (E80): Contains a motor vehicle unit of 200 men with American type trucks, which arrived there on 1 August.
22. Falkenberg (E44/742): The airfield is being rebuilt by day and night work shifts. Both bomber and fighter personnel were observed in the area.
23. Eilenburg (E32): One bridge-building battalion and another unit with approximately 200 men whose identity could not be determined. Members of this latter unit were seen loading 4,000 boxes of infantry ammunition at the freight depot.
24. Delitzsch (E13): The airfield and hangars have been destroyed. A motor vehicle unit [redacted] is stationed here.
25. Naumburg (J89): A rifle division occupies Naumburg and its vicinity.
26. Querfurt (D71): Occupied by eighty SMA and MVD troops.

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